



## Templederry Community Windfarm

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## The Community Beginnings

- Local Area
- Community / Local Area Development Plan (Professor Tom Collins 1999)
- Identified Renewable Energy as key to sustainable development in area.
- Introduction to Tipperary Energy agency and Tipperary Institute
- TEA (Funding from North Tipperary Enterprise board) looked at several aspects:
  - Anaerobic Digestion
  - Wind power (21 site feasibility's completed)
  - Biomass district heating for community housing
- Wind power to start!



## Wind Project

- Local planning authority narrowed down potential sites (2003)
- Setup Wind Development Company. (2003)
- ~28 Single shares sold to individuals in the area. 2 given to Community development company.
- Community funding used to develop project.
- Further funding required met from either shareholders or bank loans.



## Barriers to Community Development

- Regulatory
  - Planning Process (June 2007 – ???)
  - Grid Connection Moratorium and payments
- Funding - Planning, EIS, Resource assessment, pre-payments for grid and turbines.
- Project fees – Finance, Legal, Insurance, Resource assessment, etc. (Significantly less in Germany or Denmark)
- Expertise